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FOR THE COUNTY OF VENTURA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE:  
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IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

**NO. 20.16**

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Due to the ongoing COVID-19 epidemic, the State of California remains under Governor Newsom's Executive Order of March 19, 2020, that all Californians are to stay at home, unless employed in a job that provides essential needs. To protect the health and safety of the public and court personnel and under the court's inherent authority to control its own calendars and the Presiding Judge's duty to take into account the needs of the public and court as they relate to the efficient and effective management of the court's calendar (*California Rules of Court*, rule 10.603(c)), I am exercising my authority and the authority granted under the March 13, 2020, March 20, 2020, March 23, 2020, March 30, 2020, April 14, 2020, April 29, 2020 and May 11, 2020 Emergency Orders of Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chair of the Judicial Council of California and the *California Rules of Court*, Emergency rules.

**This Court HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. As of May 12, 2020 through June 9, 2020, inclusive, all Ventura Superior Court courtrooms and clerk's offices will continue to remain closed, except for essential emergency matters and time-sensitive, essential functions. To address emergency and time sensitive

1 matters the following continue to remain open, unless otherwise provided herein: limited  
2 criminal courtrooms, 1 Family Law courtroom for all types of emergency restraining orders and  
3 other emergency orders, the off-site mental health courtrooms, 1 juvenile delinquency  
4 courtroom, 1 juvenile dependency courtroom, 1 courtroom at the Juvenile Courthouse on  
5 Friday's only, for probate, conservatorship and guardianship emergency ex parte matters at  
6 9:00 am, and 1 Civil courtroom on Thursdays at 8:30 am for only emergency ex parte  
7 temporary restraining orders (excluding civil harassment), emergency Orders to Show Cause  
8 Re Preliminary Injunction or emergency Unlawful Detainer requests for Stay of Execution,  
9 along with on-duty magistrates. Parties and/or attorneys requesting or opposing emergency  
10 restraining orders or emergency orders in Family, Civil or Probate shall follow the posted  
11 instructions on the court's website;

12 2. For purposes of computing time for filing papers under *Code of Civil Procedure*  
13 §§12 and 12a, March 19, 2020, to June 9, 2020, inclusive, are deemed holidays, except for  
14 filings related to the limited operations of the court set forth herein and beginning May 4, 2020  
15 and May 13, 2020 the additional limited filings listed in paragraph 24, (Gov. Code,  
16 §68115(a)(4)). (For purposes of computing time for filing papers under *Code of Civil*  
17 *Procedure* §§12 and 12a, and computing time under *Penal Code* §825 and *Welfare and*  
18 *Institutions Code* §§313, 315, 334, 631, 632, 637, and 657, March 16, 2020, to March 18,  
19 2020, inclusive, were deemed holidays (Gov. Code, §68115(a)(4) & (5));

20 3. The court may hold sessions anywhere in the county, including in correctional  
21 and juvenile detention facilities, from April 17, 2020 to June 9, 2020, inclusive;

22 4. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, any judge of the juvenile court may declare that  
23 any days from April 17, 2020, to June 9, 2020, inclusive, be deemed holidays for purposes of  
24 computing time under *Welfare and Institutions Code* §§313, 315, 334, 631, 632, 637, and 657,  
25 if the above-described emergency conditions prevent the court from conducting proceedings  
26 or accepting filings as necessary to satisfy these deadlines on those dates (Gov. Code,  
27 §68115(a)(5));  
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1           5.     As of April 6, 2020, any judge of the court may extend by not more than 90 days  
2 the duration of any temporary restraining order that would otherwise expire, because the  
3 emergency condition described herein prevented the court from conducting proceedings to  
4 determine whether a permanent order should be entered, as set forth in *California Rules of*  
5 *Court*, Emergency rule 8;

6           6.     The court extends the time period provided in §825 of the *Penal Code* within  
7 which an in-custody defendant charged with a criminal offense must be taken before a  
8 magistrate from 48 hours to not more than 7 days. (Chief Justice's Statewide March 30, 2020  
9 Order);

10          7.     The court extends the time period provided in §859b of the *Penal Code* for the  
11 holding of a preliminary examination and the defendant's right to release from 10 court days to  
12 not more than 30 court days. (Chief Justice's Statewide March 30, 2020 Order);

13          8.     Based upon the Chief Justice's Statewide Orders, the time periods for  
14 continuance of criminal jury trials and to conduct a criminal trial under *Penal Code* §1382 are  
15 extended for up to 90 days. The total extension of 90 days shall be calculated from the last  
16 date on which the trial initially could have been conducted under *Penal Code* §1382. This  
17 extension applies only to those matters for which the last date on which the trial could be  
18 conducted under *Penal Code* §1382 occurred or will occur between March 16, 2020 and June  
19 15, 2020. (Chief Justice's Statewide March 23, 2020, March 30, 2020 and April 29, 2020  
20 Orders);

21          9.     As of March 20, 2020, the court extends the time for arraignment for out-of-  
22 custody felonies, misdemeanors and infractions for up to 60 days from the currently scheduled  
23 date on calendar to be continued by the court to a later date with notice to the parties;

24          10.    Bail Review hearings, Early Disposition Conferences, criminal sentencings, Post  
25 Release Offender Supervision (PROS) and in-custody Mental Health hearings remain on  
26 calendar;

1           11. All other criminal matters, not specifically addressed above, are continued for up  
2 to 60 days from the currently scheduled date on calendar to a later date. This order is not  
3 intended to prohibit the court from taking pleas or dismissing actions;

4           12. Attorneys may appear pursuant to *Penal Code* §977 for out-of-custody clients, if  
5 the *Penal Code* §977 waiver is in substantial compliance in the form required by *California*  
6 *Rules of Court*, Emergency rule 5;

7           13. Any Judge may extend the time period provided in §313 of the *Welfare and*  
8 *Institutions Code* within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency proceedings  
9 must be released from custody to not more than 7 days, applicable only to minors for whom  
10 the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from April 13, 2020, to June 9, 2020, inclusive  
11 (Gov. Code, §68115(a)(11));

12           14. Any Judge may extend the time period provided in §315 of the *Welfare and*  
13 *Institutions Code* within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency proceedings  
14 must be given a detention hearing to not more than 7 days, applicable only to minors for  
15 whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from April 13, 2020, to June 9, 2020,  
16 inclusive (Gov. Code, §68115(a)(11));

17           15. Any Judge may extend the time periods provided in §§632 and 637 of the  
18 *Welfare and Institutions Code* within which a minor taken into custody pending wardship  
19 proceedings and charged with a felony offense must be given a detention hearing or rehearing  
20 to not more than 7 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise  
21 would expire from April 13, 2020, to June 9, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, §68115(a)(11));

22           16. Any Judge may extend the time period provided in §334 of the *Welfare and*  
23 *Institutions Code* within which a hearing on a juvenile dependency petition must be held by not  
24 more than 15 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would  
25 expire from April 13, 2020, to June 9, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, §68115(a)(12));

26           17. Any Judge may extend the time period provided in §657 of the *Welfare and*  
27 *Institutions Code* within which a hearing on a wardship petition for a minor charged with a  
28 felony offense must be held by not more than 15 days, applicable only to minors for whom the

1 statutory deadline otherwise would expire from April 13, 2020, to June 9, 2020, inclusive (Gov.  
2 Code, §68115(a)(12));

3 18. As to any civil action filed on or before April 6, 2020, the time periods provided in  
4 §§583.310 and 583.320 of the *Code of Civil Procedure* to bring an action to trial is extended  
5 by 6 months as provided in *California Rules of Court*, Emergency rule 10;

6 19. As of March 20, 2020, all Family Law trials, Family Law Request for Orders  
7 Hearings, Mandatory Settlement Conferences & Status Conferences are suspended for 90  
8 days, to be continued by the court to a later date with notice to the parties;

9 20. As of March 20, 2020, all Civil Long Cause Jury & Non-Jury Trials (except as  
10 provided for trials in paragraph 18 above), Civil Law & Motion hearings, Short Cause Matters  
11 and Trials, Trials De Novo and courtroom 22b matters are suspended for 90 days; to be  
12 continued by the court to a later date with notice to the parties;

13 21. As of March 20, 2020, all non-emergency Probate hearings and trials are  
14 suspended for up 90 days to be continued by the Court to a later date with notice to the  
15 parties;

16 22. As of March 20, 2020, all Unlawful Detainer matters currently on calendar are  
17 suspended for at least 60 days to be continued by the court to a later date with notice to the  
18 parties, as set forth in *California Rules of Court*, Emergency rule 1;

19 23. Under Code of Civil Procedure §116.570(a), the court finds and declares that  
20 good cause exists for postponing the time period within which a small claims matter may be  
21 heard as provided in Code of Civil Procedure §116.330(a). The court will issue orders re-  
22 setting the hearings of all small claims matters to a later date with notice to the parties;

23 24. While the court remains closed, except for the limited matters listed herein, the  
24 court and clerk's office is preparing and planning for re-opening. This includes the challenge  
25 of processing and filing a voluminous number of documents, while continuing to protect the  
26 health of the public and the court's employees. Therefore, beginning on May 4, 2020 the  
27 Court Clerk is directed and authorized to begin processing and filing the following documents:  
28 Criminal/Traffic - Traffic & Non-traffic Infraction/Misdemeanor citations, criminal complaints,

1 violations of probation and violations of diversion related to a new arrest, informations, search  
2 warrant returns; and, Juvenile Delinquency – new petitions. Further, beginning on May\_13,  
3 2020 the Court Clerk is directed and authorized to begin processing and filing the following  
4 documents: Family Law - wage assignments, stipulations & orders that resolve contested  
5 issues and requests for hearings to go off calendar; Civil - Requests for Dismissals and  
6 specific stipulations & orders, as permitted by the court; Probate – Requests for Dismissals  
7 and specific stipulations & orders, as permitted by the court. Parties and/or attorneys in  
8 Civil/Family/Probate and Juvenile Delinquency matters shall follow the posted instructions on  
9 the court's website regarding the types and procedure for the above filings;

10 25. For purposes of computation of time for the filing of any of the documents listed  
11 in paragraph 24, related to Criminal/Traffic - Traffic & Non-traffic Infraction/Misdemeanor  
12 citations, criminal complaints, violations of probation and violations of diversion related to a  
13 new arrest, informations, search warrant returns; and, Juvenile Delinquency – new petitions  
14 herein, May 4, 2020 shall be deemed the first day that is not a holiday. (*Code of Civil*  
15 *Procedure* §§12 and 12a). For any of the documents listed in paragraph 24, related to Family  
16 Law - wage assignments, stipulations & orders that resolve contested issues and requests for  
17 hearings to go off calendar; Civil - Requests for Dismissals and stipulations & orders as  
18 permitted by the court; and, Probate - stipulations & orders as permitted by the court, the clerk  
19 may process and file these documents beginning on May 13, 2020, which shall be deemed  
20 the first day that is not a holiday. (*Code of Civil Procedure* §§12 and 12a);

21 26 Any local Ventura County Superior Court Rule of Court that is inconsistent with  
22 this order is temporarily suspended;

23 27. Unless an earlier date of expiration is specially provided, all provisions of this  
24 Order shall remain in effect, until 90 days after the Governor declares that the state of  
25 emergency related to COVID-19 is lifted or this Order is amended or revoked; and

26 28. To the extent the provisions set forth in this Order differ with the Court's prior  
27 March 14, 2020 Administrative Order No. 20.05, March 20, 2020 Amended Administrative  
28 Order No. 20.05, April 1, 2020 Administrative Order No. 20.08, April 2, 2020 Amended

1 Administrative Order No. 20.08, April 15, 2020 Administrative Order No. 20.12, and May 1,  
2 2020 amended Administrative Order 20.12 this Order controls.

3 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND MAY BE AMENDED AS  
4 CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.

5 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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7 DATED: May 12, 2020

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9 Kent M. Kellegrew, Presiding Judge

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## THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to health and safety concerns resulting in substantial operational impediments, and the proclamations of states of emergency by federal, state, and local officials, it was determined that the conditions described in Government Code section 68115(a) were met with regard to the Superior Court of Ventura County (Court) as of March 13, 2020, March 20, 2020, and April 14, 2020. Orders issued on those dates authorizing the Court to implement certain relief authorized by section 68115(a). Upon the renewed request of Presiding Judge Kent M. Kellegrew, it is determined that the conditions described in section 68115(a) continue to exist (Gov. Code, § 68115(b)), and it is ordered that the Court is authorized to do the following:

- Hold sessions anywhere in the county, including in correctional and juvenile detention facilities, from May 13, 2020, to June 9, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(1));
- Declare that from May 13, 2020, to June 9, 2020, inclusive, be deemed holidays for purposes of computing the time for filing papers with the court under Code of Civil Procedure sections 12 and 12a, if the above-described emergency conditions substantially interfere with the public's ability to file papers in a court facility on those dates (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(4));
- Declare that from May 13, 2020, to June 9, 2020, inclusive, be deemed holidays for purposes of computing time under Welfare and Institutions Code sections 313, 315, 334, 631, 632, 637, and 657, if the above-described emergency conditions prevent the court from conducting proceedings or accepting filings as necessary to satisfy these deadlines on those dates (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(5));
- Extend the time period provided in section 313 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency proceedings must be released from custody to not more than 7 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from May 13, 2020, to June 9, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11));

- Extend the time period provided in section 315 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency proceedings must be given a detention hearing to not more than 7 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from May 13, 2020, to June 9, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11));
- Extend the time periods provided in sections 632 and 637 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending wardship proceedings and charged with a felony offense must be given a detention hearing or rehearing to not more than 7 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from May 13, 2020, to June 9, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11));
- Extend the time period provided in section 334 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a hearing on a juvenile dependency petition must be held by not more than 15 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from May 13, 2020, to June 9, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(12)); and
- Extend the time period provided in section 657 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a hearing on a wardship petition for a minor charged with a felony offense must be held by not more than 15 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from May 13, 2020, to June 9, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(12)).

Date: May 11, 2020



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Hon. Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye  
Chief Justice of California and  
Chair of the Judicial Council

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA  
STATEWIDE EMERGENCY ORDER BY TANI G. CANTIL-SAKAUYE,  
CHIEF JUSTICE OF CALIFORNIA AND CHAIR OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

APRIL 29, 2020

The World Health Organization, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the State of California have recognized that the world, country, and state face a life-threatening pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus. As of April 27, 2020, the CDC reported that there were almost 1,000,000 cases in this country and almost 54,000 deaths. In California, the Department of Public Health reports more than 43,000 confirmed cases and more than 1,700 deaths. Health officials expect these figures to continue to rise unless the population adheres to shelter-in-place guidelines and appropriate social distancing. As of this date, there is no known cure or vaccination.

In response to the spread of COVID-19, Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020, declared a state of emergency in California, which was followed on March 13, 2020, by President Trump declaring a national emergency. Beginning on March 16, 2020, California counties began issuing shelter-in-place or stay-at-home orders. On March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20, requiring all Californians to stay home, subject to certain limited exemptions. Courts are included in this exemption.

The CDC, the California Department of Public Health, and local county health departments have recommended stringent social distancing measures of at least six feet between people and encouraged vulnerable individuals to avoid public spaces. The continuous operation of our courts is essential for our constitutional form of government, and for providing due process and protecting the public. However, courts are clearly places of high risk during this pandemic because they require gatherings of judicial officers, court staff, litigants, attorneys, witnesses, defendants, law enforcement, and juries—well in excess of the numbers allowed for gathering under current executive and health orders.

In response to these circumstances, on March 20, 2020, I issued an advisory recommending steps superior courts could take to mitigate the effect of reduced staffing and court closures, and

to protect the health of judges, court staff, and court users. The advisory included actions that superior courts could take immediately to protect constitutional and due process rights of court users, including (1) revising on an emergency basis the countywide bail schedule; and (2) prioritizing arraignments and preliminary hearings for in-custody defendants, the issuance of restraining orders, and juvenile dependency detention hearings. In addition, on March 23, 2020, I issued an order requiring superior courts to suspend jury trials for 60 days, unless they were able to conduct such a trial at an earlier date, upon a finding of good cause shown or through the use of remote technology, when appropriate; extending statutory deadlines for holding last-day trials in criminal and civil proceedings; and authorizing courts to adopt any proposed local rules or rule amendments that are intended to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic to take effect immediately, without advance circulation for 45 days of public comment.

Governor Newsom, also responding to the crisis, on March 27, 2020, issued Executive Order N-38-20, which, among other things, suspends Government Code section 68115 and any other provision of law to the extent that those laws impose or imply a limitation on my authority to authorize via emergency order or statewide rule, any court to take any action I deem necessary to maintain the safe and orderly operation of the courts.

On March 28, 2020, the Judicial Council met telephonically in an emergency session, and authorized and supported my issuing statewide emergency orders to extend statutory deadlines for preliminary hearings, arraignments, and last-day trials in both criminal and civil proceedings.

On March 30, 2020, I issued a second order, which (1) authorized superior courts to issue implementation orders to extend the statutory time provided for conducting arraignments and preliminary examinations, and the holding of criminal and civil trials; (2) clarified that the 60-day continuance of jury trials that I ordered on March 23, 2020, be calculated from the date on which the trial was set or the last date on which the statutory deadline otherwise would have expired, whichever was longer; and (3) suspended any rule in the California Rules of Court to the extent such rule would prevent a court from using technology to conduct judicial proceedings and court operations remotely.

The Judicial Council met telephonically on April 6, 2020, for a second emergency session and adopted 11 emergency rules of court that addressed the suspension of certain civil proceedings (emergency rules 1 and 2), the use of technology for court proceedings and operations (emergency rule 3), the conduct of criminal proceedings (emergency rules 4 and 5), the conduct of juvenile dependency and delinquency proceedings (emergency rules 6 and 7), the issuance of emergency protective orders (emergency rule 8), and the conduct of civil proceedings and discovery (emergency rules 9, 10, and 11). Since adopting these emergency rules, the council has by circulating order adopted additional rules on electronic service of papers (emergency rule 12) and the effective date for modification of support orders (emergency rule 13), and has amended emergency rule 8.

Pursuant to my constitutional and other legal authority, including the authority granted by Governor Newsom and the Judicial Council, and by the California Constitution, article VI, section 6, and Government Code section 68115, and after careful consideration, balancing the constitutional due process rights of parties in criminal proceedings with the health and safety of these parties, the public, court staff, judicial officers, attorneys, witnesses, jurors, and others present at these proceedings, among other considerations, I find good cause to order:

1. The 60-day continuance of criminal jury trials and the 60-day extension of time in which to conduct a criminal trial under Penal Code section 1382, both of which I first authorized in my order of March 23, 2020, are to be extended an additional 30 days. The total extension of 90 days shall be calculated from the last date on which the trial initially could have been conducted under Penal Code section 1382, as illustrated below.
2. This extension applies only to those matters for which the last date on which the trial could be conducted under Penal Code section 1382 occurred or will occur between March 16, 2020, and June 15, 2020. This will result in a range of trial dates as follows: A criminal trial for which March 16, 2020, is the last day a trial could be conducted under Penal Code section 1382 would be extended to June 14, 2020, and a criminal trial for which June 15, 2020, is the last day a trial could be conducted under Penal Code section 1382 would be extended until September 13, 2020.
3. Any previously issued extensions of time in which to conduct a criminal trial under Penal Code section 1382 that I authorized in an emergency order or orders issued to an individual court pursuant to Government Code section 68115(a)(10) shall run concurrently with the extension authorized in this paragraph, such that the total authorized extension of the section 1382 deadline in a case is 90 days.

4. Courts are strongly encouraged to collaborate with local justice partners to conduct a trial at an earlier date, if a court may do so in compliance with applicable health and safety laws, regulations, and orders, including through the use of remote technology, when appropriate.
5. To the extent a court needs a further extension of time in which to conduct criminal trials, it shall submit a request under Government Code section 68115 and describe the specific facts supporting the request, and specifically address the efforts the court is making to avoid the necessity of further extensions, including collaboration with justice partners and use of available technology.

Courts are urged to timely communicate with justice partners regarding the status of pending proceedings.

Courts are further urged to work with justice partners to encourage and facilitate expeditious settlement, where possible, of cases pending before the court, in compliance with applicable health and safety laws, regulations, and orders, including through the use of remote technology, when appropriate.

This relief is temporary, intended to address the current COVID-19 pandemic as it poses a challenge to court proceedings. I reserve the authority to rescind or modify this order, as appropriate, to address changing circumstances. This order may be deemed part of the record in affected cases for purposes of appeal, without the need to file the order in each case.

Date: April 29, 2020

*Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye*

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Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye  
Chief Justice of California and  
Chair of the Judicial Council

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- Hold sessions anywhere in the county, including in correctional and juvenile detention facilities, from April 17, 2020, to May 12, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(1));
- Declare that from April 17, 2020, to May 12, 2020, inclusive, be deemed holidays for purposes of computing the time for filing papers with the court under Code of Civil Procedure sections 12 and 12a, if the above-described emergency conditions substantially interfere with the public's ability to file papers in a court facility on those dates (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(4));
- Declare that from April 17, 2020, to May 12, 2020, inclusive, be deemed holidays for purposes of computing time under Welfare and Institutions Code sections 313, 315, 334, 631, 632, 637, and 657, if the above-described emergency conditions prevent the court from conducting proceedings or accepting filings as necessary to satisfy these deadlines on those dates (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(5));
- Extend the time period provided in section 313 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency proceedings must be released from custody to not more than 7 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline

otherwise would expire from April 13, 2020, to May 12, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11));

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- Extend the time period provided in section 334 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a hearing on a juvenile dependency petition must be held by not more than 15 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from April 13, 2020, to May 12, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(12)); and
- Extend the time period provided in section 657 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a hearing on a wardship petition for a minor charged with a felony offense must be held by not more than 15 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from April 13, 2020, to May 12, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(12)).

Date: April 14, 2020



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Hon. Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye  
Chief Justice of California and  
Chair of the Judicial Council

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA  
STATEWIDE EMERGENCY ORDER BY HON. TANI G. CANTIL-SAKAUYE,  
CHIEF JUSTICE OF CALIFORNIA AND CHAIR OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL  
MARCH 30, 2020

The World Health Organization, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the State of California have recognized that the world, country, and state face a life-threatening pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus. This week it was reported that there have been more than 500,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the world with more than 23,000 deaths. In California, the Department of Public Health reports more than 5,000 confirmed cases and more than 100 deaths. Health officials expect these figures to rise dramatically unless the population adheres to shelter-in-place guidelines and appropriate social distancing. As of this date, there is no known cure or vaccination.

In response to the spread of COVID-19, Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020, declared a state of emergency in California, which was followed on March 13, 2020, by President Trump declaring a national emergency. Beginning on March 16, 2020, California counties began issuing shelter-in-place or stay-at-home orders. On March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20, requiring all Californians to stay home, subject to certain limited exemptions. Courts are included in this exemption.

The CDC, the California Department of Public Health, and local county health departments have recommended increasingly stringent social distancing measures of at least six feet between people, and encouraged vulnerable individuals to avoid public spaces. The continuous operation of our courts is essential for our constitutional form of government, for providing due process and protecting the public. However, courts are clearly places with high risks during this pandemic because they require gatherings of judicial officers, court staff, litigants, attorneys, witnesses, defendants, law enforcement, and juries—well in excess of the numbers allowed for gathering under current executive and health orders.

In response to these circumstances, on March 20, 2020, I issued an advisory recommending steps superior courts could take to mitigate the effect of reduced staffing and court closures and to protect the health of judges, court staff, and court users. The advisory included actions that superior courts could take immediately to protect constitutional and due process rights of court users, including revising on an emergency basis the countywide bail schedule and prioritizing arraignments and preliminary hearings for in-custody defendants, the issuance of restraining orders, and juvenile dependency detention hearings. In addition, on March 23, 2020, I also issued an order requiring superior courts to suspend jury trials for 60 days, unless they were able conduct such a trial at an earlier date, upon a finding of good cause shown or through the use of remote technology; extending statutory deadlines for holding last day trials in criminal and civil proceedings; and authorizing courts to adopt any proposed local rules or rule amendment intended to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic to take effect immediately, without advance circulation for public comment.

Governor Newsom, also responding to the crisis, on March 27, 2020, issued Executive Order N-38-20, which among other things, suspends Government Code section 68115 and any other provision of law to the extent that those laws impose or imply a limitation on my authority to authorize via emergency order or statewide rule, any court to take any action I deem necessary to maintain the safe and orderly operation of the courts.

The Judicial Council on March 28, 2020, met in an emergency session and authorized and supported my issuing statewide emergency orders to extend statutory deadlines for preliminary hearings, arraignments, and last day trials in both criminal and civil proceedings.

Pursuant to my constitutional and other legal authority, including the authority granted by Governor Newsom and the Judicial Council, and by the California Constitution, article VI, section 6, and Government Code section 68115, and after careful

consideration, balancing the constitutional due process rights of parties in both criminal and civil proceedings with the health and safety of these parties, the public, court staff, judicial officers, attorneys, witnesses, jurors, and others present at these proceedings, among other considerations, I find good cause to:

- A. Authorize superior courts to issue implementation orders that:
  - 1. Extend the time period provided in section 859b of the Penal Code for the holding of a preliminary examination and the defendant's right to release from 10 court days to not more than 30 court days;
  - 2. Extend the time period provided in section 825 of the Penal Code within which a defendant charged with a felony offense must be taken before a magistrate from 48 hours to not more than seven days;
  - 3. Extend the time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code for the holding of a criminal trial by no more than 60 days from the last date on which the statutory deadline otherwise would have expired;
  - 4. Extend the time periods provided in sections 583.310 and 583.320 of the Code of Civil Procedure to bring an action to trial by no more than 60 days from the last date on which the statutory deadline otherwise would have expired;
  - 5. These extensions are in addition to any relief provided pursuant to a court-specific emergency order issued under a subdivision of Government Code section 68115 related to another extension or form of relief.
- B. Order that the 60-day continuance of jury trials, which I authorized in my order of March 23, 2020, is to be calculated from the date for which the trial was set or extended as provided in A.3 or A.4 above, whichever is longer; and
- C. To support courts in making use of available technology, when possible, to conduct judicial proceedings and court operations remotely, suspend any rule in the California Rules of Court to the extent such rule would prevent a court from using technology to conduct judicial proceedings and court operations remotely, in order to protect the health and safety of the public, court personnel, judicial officers, litigants, and witnesses. This is consistent with the Governor's order, which also provides for the suspension of related statutes that impose limitations on the subject of these emergency orders.

Courts are urged to timely communicate with attorneys and self-represented litigants regarding the status of pending proceedings.

This relief is temporary, intended to address the current COVID-19 crisis as it poses a challenge to court proceedings. I reserve the authority to rescind or modify this order, as appropriate, to address changing circumstances. This order may be deemed part of the record in affected cases for purposes of appeal without the need to file the order in each case.

Date: March 30, 2020

*Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye*

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Hon. Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye  
Chief Justice of California and  
Chair of the Judicial Council

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA  
STATEWIDE ORDER BY HON. TANI G. CANTIL-SAKAUYE,  
CHIEF JUSTICE OF CALIFORNIA AND CHAIR OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL  
MARCH 23, 2020

The World Health Organization, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the State of California have recognized that the world, country, and state face a life-threatening pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus. As of March 23, 2020, the CDC reported that there are more than 40,000 confirmed COVID-19 cases in the United States, and more than 500 deaths. In California, the Department of Public Health reports more than 1,700 confirmed cases and more than 30 deaths. Health officials expect these figures to rise dramatically unless the population adheres to shelter-in-place guidelines and appropriate social distancing. As of this date, there is no known cure or vaccination.

In response to the spread of COVID-19, Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020, declared a state of emergency in California, which was followed on March 13, 2020, by President Trump declaring a national emergency. Beginning on March 16, 2020, California counties began issuing shelter-in-place or stay-at-home orders. On March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20, requiring all Californians to stay home, subject to certain limited exemptions. Courts are included in this exemption. Schools have been closed statewide.

The CDC, the California Department of Public Health, and local county health departments have recommended increasingly stringent social distancing measures of at least six feet between people, and encouraged vulnerable individuals to avoid public spaces.

Courts cannot comply with these health restrictions and continue to operate as they have in the past. Court proceedings require gatherings of court staff, litigants, attorneys, witnesses, and juries, well in excess of the numbers allowed for gathering under current

executive and health orders. Many court facilities in California are ill-equipped to effectively allow the social distancing and other public health requirements required to protect people involved in court proceedings and prevent the further spread of COVID-19. Even if court facilities could allow for sufficient social distancing, the closure of schools means that many court employees, litigants, witnesses, and potential jurors cannot leave their homes to attend court proceedings because they must stay home to supervise their children. These restrictions have also made it nearly impossible for courts to assemble juries.

Pursuant to my authority under the California Constitution, article VI, section 6 and Government Code section 68115, and after careful consideration, balancing the constitutional due process rights of parties in both criminal and civil proceedings with the health and safety of these parties, the public, court staff, judicial officers, attorneys, witnesses, jurors, and others present at these proceedings, among other considerations, I find good cause to order that:

1. All jury trials are suspended and continued for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of this order. Courts may conduct such a trial at an earlier date, upon a finding of good cause shown or through the use of remote technology, when appropriate.
2. The time period provided in Penal Code section 1382 for the holding of a criminal trial is extended for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of this order. Courts may conduct such a trial at an earlier date, upon a finding of good cause shown or through the use of remote technology, when appropriate.
3. The time period provided in Code of Civil Procedure sections 583.310 and 583.320 for the holding of a civil trial is extended for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of this order. Courts may conduct such a trial at an earlier date, upon a finding of good cause shown or through the use of remote technology, when appropriate.
4. All superior courts are authorized under rule 10.613(i) of the California Rules of Court to adopt any proposed rules or rule amendment that is intended to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic to take effect immediately, without advance circulation for 45 days of public comment. A court adopting any such rule change must provide a copy to Judicial Council staff and post notice of the change prominently on the court's website, along with the effective date of the new or

amended rule. Additionally, the court must immediately distribute the new or amended rule as set forth in rule 10.613(g)(2). No litigant's substantive rights shall be prejudiced for failing to comply with the requirements of a new or amended rule until at least 20 days after the rule change has been distributed.

Courts are urged to timely communicate with attorneys and self-represented litigants regarding the status of pending proceedings.

I reserve the authority to rescind or modify this order, as appropriate, to address changing circumstances. This order may be deemed part of the record in affected cases for purposes of appeal without the need to file the order in each case.

Date: March 23, 2020

Handwritten signature of Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye in black ink.

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Hon. Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye  
Chief Justice of California and  
Chair of the Judicial Council

THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the proclamations of a states of emergency by Governor Gavin Newsom and President Donald Trump, it has been determined that the conditions described in section 68115 of the Government Code are met with regard to the Superior Court of Ventura County (the Court). On March 13, 2020, an Order issued at the request of Acting Presiding Judge Patricia M. Murphy authorizing the Court to implement various forms of relief authorized by section 68115. Upon, the further request of Presiding Judge Kent M. Kellegrew, it is ordered that the Court is additionally authorized to do the following:

- Extend by not more than 33 days the duration of any temporary restraining order that would otherwise expire from March 23, 2020, to April 17, 2020, inclusive, because the emergency condition described herein prevented the court from conducting proceedings to determine whether a permanent order should be entered (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(7)).
- Extend the time period provided in section 825 of the Penal Code within which a defendant charged with a felony offense must be taken before a magistrate from 48 hours to not more than 7 days, applicable only to cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 20, 2020, to April 17, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(8)).

Date: March 20, 2020



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Hon. Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye  
Chief Justice of California and  
Chair of the Judicial Council

## THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Because of the COVID-19 epidemic, leading to health and safety concerns resulting in a three-day closure of the Superior Court of California, County of Ventura with limited operation for 30 days thereafter, and the proclamation of a state of emergency by Governor Gavin Newsom, it has been determined that the conditions described in section 68115 of the Government Code are met with regard to the Superior Court of Ventura County. Upon the request of Acting Presiding Judge Patricia M. Murphy, it is ordered that the Superior Court of Ventura County is authorized to do the following:

- Declare that from March 16, 2020, to April 17, 2020, inclusive, be deemed holidays for purposes of computing the time for filing papers with the court under Code of Civil Procedure sections 12 and 12a (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(4));
- Declare that from March 16, 2020, to March 18, 2020, inclusive, be deemed holidays for purposes of computing time under Penal Code section 825 and Welfare and Institutions Code sections 313, 315, 334, 631, 632, 637, and 657 (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(5));
- Extend the time periods provided in sections 583.310 and 583.320 of the Code of Civil Procedure to bring an action to trial by not more than 30 days, applicable only to cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 16, 2020, to March 18, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(6));
- Extend by not more than 33 days the duration of any temporary restraining order that would otherwise expire from March 16, 2020, to March 18, 2020, inclusive, because the emergency condition described herein prevented the court from conducting proceedings to determine whether a permanent order should be entered (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(7));
- Extend the time period provided in section 825 of the Penal Code within which a defendant charged with a felony offense must be taken before a magistrate from 48 hours to not more than 3 days, applicable only to cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from

March 16, 2020, to April 17, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(8));

- Extend the time period provided in section 859b of the Penal Code for the holding of a preliminary examination from 10 court days to not more than 15 court days, applicable only to cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 16, 2020, to April 17, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(9));
- Extend the time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code for the holding of a criminal trial by not more than 20 days, applicable only to cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 16, 2020, to April 17, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(10));
- Extend the time period provided in section 313 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency proceedings must be released from custody to not more than three days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 16, 2020, to April 17, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11));
- Extend the time period provided in section 315 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency proceedings must be given a detention hearing to not more than three days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 16, 2020, to April 17, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11));
- Extend the time periods provided in sections 632 and 637 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending wardship proceedings and charged with a felony offense must be given a detention hearing or rehearing to not more than three days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 16, 2020, to April 17, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11));
- Extend the time period provided in section 334 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a hearing on a juvenile dependency petition must be held by not more than 7 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 16, 2020, to April 17, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(12)); and

- Extend the time period provided in section 657 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a hearing on a wardship petition for a minor charged with a felony offense must be held by not more than 15 days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 16, 2020, to April 17, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(12)).

Date: March 13, 2020



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